#### **Marion Fire District**

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# BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – July 25, 2019

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on July 25, 2019. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Shirley Webster, Greg Mercurio, Dick Ramos, and John Devine. Chief Mast was present for the department.

#### **PLEDGE**

M/S/C (Ratka, Ramos) consented to the agenda

M/S/C (Ramos, Mercurio) approved the minutes of the Board's Regular Meeting of June 27, 2019

M/S/C (Ratka, Mercurio) approved the issue of warrants to pay current claims for payment

**Public Comment: Anyone wishing to speak will give their name, address, and will have 3 minutes to speak.**Public present: Lilly Brower, community member, Gary Webster, Fire Fighter and EMT were present for the meeting.

### Treasurer's Report/Financial:

John Devine, Board Treasurer, provided a comprehensive overview the Treasurer's Report. Cash balance as of 7/25/19 is \$81,797.90. Capital Improvement balance as of 6/30/19 is \$11,191.72. M/S/C (Ratka, Webster) review and approval of Treasurer's Report.

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Mast

**Total Calls to Date: 87**17 calls down from last year

21 calls since last meeting on June 27, 2019

- 10 Medical- (6 Marion patient transport, 1 Evergreen transports, 4 pt refusal, for a total of 11 patients)
- 1 Hazmat-MVA
- 1 MVA Non-injury
- 1 wildland false alarm
- 1 automatic fire alarm
- 1 CO alarm
- 2 mutual aid traffic control
- 2 Burnpile/Recreational burn
- 2 Wildland fire

### Personnel:

Two new personnel.

- M/S/C means a motion made by the trustee named in the following parentheses, and then seconded and carried.
- If you wish to listen to an audio recording of this meeting, please submit a written request.
- Advance notice of this meeting was provided to the public via a reader board at the Marion Community Center and publication in the *Daily Inter Lake*, the District's website <a href="https://www.marionfd.org">www.marionfd.org</a>, and its Facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT">www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT</a>.

# **Training:**

July 2, No training, 4<sup>th</sup> of July week

July 9, Business Meeting

July 16, Joint fire/med -Stop the Bleed

July 18, Med training, Splinting and packaging

July 23, Fire Training, Foam Ops

July 25, Med Training, Triaging patients, patient care report review class

July 30, Joint fire/med, extrication, triaging –hands on

# **Equipment Maintenance and Updates:**

Water tender 1193- nothing to report

Water tender 1192- nothing to report

Water tender 1191- Has a radiator leak

Engine 1131- nothing to report

Engine 1132- nothing to report

Engine 1133- KC replaced the rear axle seals and brakes, we completed lights

Engine 1134- nothing to report

Engine 1181- The booster reel motor was replaced

Command Rig 1161- nothing to report

Ambulance 1121-Nothing to report

Ambulance 1122- Nothing to report

Ambulance 1123- Nothing to report

### **Upcoming Costs:**

- Water system at Ashley lake
- Ashley Lake Power Load system
- Ashley Lake garage door openers
- Bottled water
- Class B foam \$2,580.00

### **Community Events:**

- Recap of Ashley Lake Pancake breakfast
- Recap of 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Carnival

## **Additional Discussion and Updates:**

Fire Apparatus Repairs

### **Conclusion of Chief's Report**

## **Action Items:**

- **A.** Pintler/Collection Accounts No updates/discussion
- **B.** Go Daddy Account Renewal Discussed by the Chief and Board Members.

M/S/C (Ratka, Webster) Board agreed to change account to Google for \$6 per month per user.

- **C.** Power Load Estimate discussed; Greg Mercurio will follow up with Kyle; Board to discuss again during August meeting; will remain as an action item.
- **D.** Door Openers Estimates reviewed and discussed.

M/S/C (Ratka, Mercurio) Board agreed to the purchase of new doors.

- E. Emergency Actions
  - Ashley Lake Water System Estimates for excavation, plumbing, electrical and welding discussed; further discussion and action pending.

M/S/C (Ratka, Mercurio) Board agreed to accept the proposal for welding expense as presented and reviewed.

### **Discussion Items:**

- **A.** Personal Evaluation Executive Meeting closed to the public for one hour; meeting reopened to the public for the remainder of meeting.
  - **B.** Personnel Wages and Benefits

Board members discussed and supported an increase in hourly wage by \$1.00 for two part-time staff and by \$3.00 per hour for the MFD Chief. Board discussed the increase of one part-time employee's hours to 36 hours per week plus training hours; health benefits for the Chief and one part-time employee tabled for further review of health care plans; health care plan to be implemented at the end of 6 months.

Board will move Personnel Wages and Benefits to Action Item for August meeting for official motion.

**C.** Future California Assignments – Future plans and financial details discussed. Board plans to review and discuss further during August meeting.

#### **New Business:**

**A.** Board Treasurer noted the Board will need review and vote on the Resolution to adopt the FY20 Budget during the August meeting. **This will be an Action Item.** 

#### **Announcements:**

Next Meeting Date: August 29, at 5:00PM.

Adjournment: 8:00 PM

The Regular Board Meeting was closed to the public for approximately 1 hour for an Executive Meeting regarding personnel. The meeting was reopened to the public for the remainder of the regular Board Meeting.

Attest:		
	Vargie Williams, Chair	Date

Minutes recorded by: Shirley Webster, Board Secretary